

l' Histoire de France, Marquis de Nadaillac, Prof. Paul Topinard, Paris; Victoria Institute, London; University of the State of New York, Albany; Mr. Mark V. Slingerland, Ithaca; Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Bureau of Education, Prof. Cleveland Abbe, Washington, D. C.; Observatorio Astronómico Nacional de Tacubaya, Mexico; Société Scientifique du Chili, Santiago.

The Committee on Dr. J. E. Humphrey's paper was continued.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Publication Committee for the year was made.

The report of the Library Committee was approved.

On motion, Prof. Cope was permitted to withdraw the paper presented by him at the last meeting, and to substitute therefor one on "False Elbow Joints."

Pending nominations Nos. 1142 to 1248, and new nominations Nos. 1249 and 1250 were read.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, December 15, 1892.*

Present, 18 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from the K. K. Geographische Gesellschaft, Vienna, discontinuing exchanges with the Society, as it has determined in future only to exchange with Geographical Societies.

A circular from the Comité G. A. Hirn, Colmar, Alsace, soliciting subscriptions for the completion of the monument to be erected to Prof. G. A. Hirn.

A letter from Mr. Harold Goodwin, Philadelphia, a new member, apologizing for not having previously taken his seat.

Letters of envoy were received from Mr. Henry Carey Baird, Philadelphia; Library of Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.; Texas Academy of Science, Austin.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo (136, 137); Prof. Francis Pulzsky, Budapest, Hungary (134, 136-138); University of Bonn (138); Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Freiburg i. B. (138); Dr. Albin Weisbach, Freiberg, Saxony (137); Prof. Dr. Doöderbeen, Strassburg, Alsace (135-138); I. R. Accademia Degli Agiate Rovereto, Tyrol (137); Société Geologique de France, Paris (137, 138).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Physikalisch-Ökonomische Gesellschaft, Königsberg; Nassauische Verein für Naturkunde, Weisbaden; Società Africana D'Italia, Naples; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Zurich; Instituto y Observatorio de Marina, San Fernando; Royal Astronomical Society, London; Hon. R. C. Winthrop, Astronomical Observatory of Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.; Geological Society of America, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Charles A. Oliver, Messrs. Abraham Jordan, Henry Phillips, Philadelphia; U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.; Oberlin College; Texas Academy of Science, Austin; Free Public Library, San Francisco, Cal.

The Committee upon Dr. Humphrey's paper for the Transactions reported it worthy of publication, which was so ordered and the Committee discharged.

This being the regular evening for the election of members, pending nominations Nos. 1242 to 1248 were read, spoken to and balloted for.

New nominations Nos. 1249, 1250 and 1251 were read.

The death of Dr. John S. Newberry, December 7, 1892, æt. 70, was reported.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and the appropriations for the ensuing year were passed.

The Curators presented the following report :

CURATORS' REPORT UPON THE SOCIETY'S RESOLUTION OF MAY.

1. The Curators respectfully state that the cataloging and labeling of the Poinsett and Keating collection beyond that which has been already done is impracticable under present conditions. And we would suggest that such a proposition as that involved in the Society's resolution is a matter demanding the consideration and personal supervision of a specialist in American archæology.

2. Before it is possible to determine where the collection will best serve the purposes of ethnological study, the Curators believe that this Society should have an official declaration from the Academy of Natural Sciences : First, as to its desire to retain it. Secondly, as to the manner of display which the Academy would guarantee for it, and any conditions which the Academy would propose to put upon the retention of the aforesaid collection as a loan from this Society.

PATTERSON DU BOIS, *Chairman.*

J. CHESTON MORRIS,

(as to Section 1 only.)

R. MEADE BACHE.

Dr. Morris from the Curators presented a minority report as to the second section of their communication as follows, viz. :

*Whereas*, The Museum of the Society is now in a fireproof building, and has space where the Keating and Poinsett collections can be well displayed for purposes of study, and the reasons for its deposit in the care of the Academy of Natural Sciences no longer exist ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Academy of Natural Sciences be requested to return these collections in accordance with the terms of deposit.

J. CHESTON MORRIS, M.D.,

*one of the Curators.*

Dr. Morris moved that the Academy of Natural Sciences be requested to return the said Poinsett, etc., collection.

Mr. Williams moved, as an amendment, that the majority report be adopted.

After a discussion the amendment was adopted and the majority report was agreed to.

The request of Dr. Elliott Coues for the withdrawal of the Lewis and Clark Note-books, accompanied by proper vouchers, was read.

Dr. Morris moved that the subject be referred to the Library Committee with power to act.

Mr. Price offered the following substitute, which was accepted by Dr. Morris and adopted by the Society.

Dr. Coues, a member of the Society from Washington, having presented a request to the Society that the Lewis and Clark papers deposited with the Society, on April 8, 1818, under a receipt of that date be loaned to him for the purpose of preparing a new edition of the travels of those gentlemen, it was on motion of Mr. Price :

*Resolved*, That the Librarian be authorized to lend to Dr. Coues all the papers now in our possession deposited by Lewis and Clark in the year 1818, as per said receipt, he taking from the doctor his obligation (with a sufficient penalty) to take care of them, keep them when not in his library in some safe deposit vault at Washington, and return them at the expiration of three months unless further time shall be given to him to retain them.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Curators of the Society be requested to report upon the cost of placing the Poinsett and Keating collection in this Museum and caring for it, and upon other collections or institutions in this city, if any, with which this collection could be deposited with advantage to the cause of science and the study of this collection, and upon some plan for arranging the collections of the Society in its Museum in accordance with the wishes, if any, of the donors of different collections.

The result of the balloting for members was reported to the President, who declared the following named to have been duly elected members of the Society.

2205. Mr. Charles H. Cramp, Philadelphia.

2206. Prof. Samuel G. Dixon, M.D., Philadelphia.

2207. Prof. John M. Macfarlane, D. Sc., Lansdowne, Phila.

2208. Prof. Francis X. Dercum, M.D., Philadelphia.

2209. Prof. James Ellis Humphrey, D. Sc., Amherst, Mass.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.